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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 5 November 2002, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (amended)

A spreader roll for processing machines of the type used in the paper, textile and plastics industry comprising:

a bow[able]ed shaft;

a cylindrical outer surface comprising a plurality of cylinder elements axially aligned along said shaft, each of said elements having an outer surface and at least one end portion having a nonlinear profile.

Claims 2 - 5, inclusive, remain as originally presented.